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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF TURKISH AEGEAN EXERCISES

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1. THE DISPUTE OVER TURKEY'S SCHEDULED AEGEAN MILITARY EXERCISES
RECEIVED PROMINENT ATTENTION IN MARCH 18 PRESS. PRINCIPAL
STORIES FEATURED WERE STATEMENTS BY PRIMIN DEMIREL AND GREEK
PRIMIN CARAMANLIS, AS WELL AS GREEK MFA ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. DEMIREL, ASKED ABOUT A CARAMANLIS STATEMENT THAT THE
EXERCISES WOULD CAUSE AN IMPASSE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES'
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RELATIONS, RESPONDED, "THE AEGEAN IS NOT THE GREEKS',
HOLDING MANEUVERS IN THE AEGEAN DOES NOT REQUIRE GREEK
PERMISSION. WHEN IT (THE GREEK NOTE) IS TRANSMITTED
OFFICIALLY, WE WILL THINK ABOUT WHAT IS NECESSARY AND GIVE
AN ANSWER." DEMIREL ALSO STATED THAT TURKEY "WOULD NOT
GIVE UP ITS NATURAL RIGHTS BECAUSE GREECE IS GOING TO BE
DISTURBED." DEMIREL CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST

TIME TURKEY HAD CONDUCTED EXERCISES, AND HE DID NOT "UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS CAUSING A STIR."

3. THE CARAMANLIS AND GREEK MFA STATEMENTS RECEIVED PROMINENT STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE. EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO CARAMANLIS' REPORTED STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AEGEAN SETTLEMENT PRIOR TO THE TURKISH ELECTIONS.

4. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET , PROCLAIMING "MEHMETCIK (NICKNAME FOR TURKISH SOLDIERS) IS READY. WE ARE NOT ABANDONING OUR EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN", GAVE PURPORTED DETAILS OF THE MANEUVERS, INCLUDING NIGHT EXERCISES FOR NAVAL COMMANDO TEAMS. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT A SECOND GREEK PROTEST NOTE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THE "SECRET TALKS" IN ATHENS CONCERNING THE AIRSPACE DISPUTE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF THE MANEUVERS.
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